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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
December 4, KWANG-LEE, American ste., 1,507
A. Garceau, Haiphong 1st December, General—
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Allason, Edgerton 28th Nov., Rice—
HOLD, KABERG & Co.
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J. M. Eason, Honolulu 25th Nov., Oil and
Coal—RUSSELL & Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE.
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Ingraham German str., for Nagasaki.
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NOTICE.

TENDERS will be received for Supplies for the American Bark "SAEAF S. RIDGEWAY" by the CAPTAIN on board, at NOON, the 6th instant, at NOON.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.
Specifications furnished on board.

H. C. TOWNSEND,

Hongkong, 4th December, 1884. [2263]

NOTICE.

A BAZAAR IN AID OF THE CHINESE ORPHANS at the ASYLUM TO THE ST. EXANCE, Wanchoe, will be held TO-MORROW, the 6th December, 1884, in the New Building, facing the Praya.

Hongkong, 17th November, 1884. [2167]

NOTICE.

THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HONGKONG CLUB, which was adjourned on the 6th ult., will be resumed at the CLUB House on WEDNESDAY, the 10th instant, at 4 o'clock p.m.

By Order of the General Committee,

EDWARD BEART,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 3rd December, 1884. [2256]

NOTICE.

VICTORIA REGATTA.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB request the pleasure of the Company of the members of the Club to the Regatta to be held on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 12th and 13th instant.

Subscribers to the Regatta can obtain Tickets of Admission to the Regatta on application to H. R. COOKES, Esq., Hon. Treasurer, V.R.C.

J. H. STEWART-LOCKHART,

Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.

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K EATING'S BONBONS ON WINE.

A PURELY VEGETABLE SWEEPSTAKES, both in appearance and in flavour, has been arranged for the administration of the same, and is specially intended for INFESTED OR THINNED Worms. It is a perfectly soft and mild preparation, and is especially adapted for Children. Sold in Bottles by all Chemists.

JAPAN GAZETTE.

HAVING been appointed Agent in Hongkong and South China for the Japan Gazette, "Japan Gazette Summary," and "Hong List," Orders for Subscriptions and Advertisements will be received at this Office.

Hongkong, 23rd May 1884.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & E. TENNENT, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID CORSON & Sons, Arbroath.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, January, 1885. [2268]

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Mechanical—Clown and Miss, Circus Rider,

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SUPERB—Snakes, Chinese Battle Artillery,

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All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not served for a fixed period will be discontinued until countermanded.

"Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press*, publication he sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited."

The Daily Press.

HONG-KONG, DECEMBER 5TH, 1864.

The tale unfolded at the opening of the Legislative Council on Wednesday, was not such a cheerful one as that told at the opening of the last session. The bad times have adversely affected the revenue of the colony, and this at a time when unusually large expenditure has to be incurred on various public works. The estimated revenue for 1864 was \$1,218,593; it is now anticipated the collection will not amount to more than \$1,151,000, and a corresponding reduction must be made in the estimates for next year. But although the revenue is not at present in a flourishing condition as might be desired, it affords no ground for entertaining pessimistic views as to the financial progress of the colony. It is true the Colonial Secretary and Auditor-General, in his report presented to the Council, expresses the opinion that the revenue is not elastic and is more likely to decrease than to increase; but in speaking thus we presume Mr. Marsh had in view the probabilities of the immediate future only, say the next year, or two. That the depression now prevailing is of a merely temporary nature, and that the revenue will soon exhibit a more healthy tone, there can be no doubt. The progress of the colony in the past has been remarkable, but it is far from having attained the full measure of its success. That capitalists have full confidence in its future is shown by the large sum being sunk in wharves and godowns at Kowloon and West Point, by the establishment of such an important undertaking as the Tai-Po Sugar Refinery, in a field already occupied by two other refineries; and by the establishment of rope works and glass works, while other manufactures are in contemplation. All these mean increased trade and increased population, which again mean an expansion of revenue. At the moment money is scarce and credit restricted, but depression in trade is general all over the world, and if Hong Kong suffers more than other places this is due to causes of a temporary nature. For the present the prosecution of the tramway scheme has had to be deferred, but we anticipate that before many years have passed the flourishing hives of industry at the eastern and western extremities of the city—which will then be much more extensive than now—will be uniting to this convenient means of locomotion, and that general prosperity will once more prevail. An uninterrupted course of progress is contrary to the law of nature; fluctuations must be expected to occur at intervals, and at the present time Hong Kong is undoubtedly suffering from depression. The situation, however, affords little material for a forebodings, for though the present be dark the future is full of promise. The hostilities now in progress between France and China cannot continue for ever, and one of the results of the war will undoubtedly be more extended intercourse with China, which means, amongst other things, an access of trade for Hong Kong.

While the revenue is contracting, however, it is necessary that a prudent economy should be exercised in the expenditure of the public funds. Money may be readily raised by a loan, it is true, and when unusually large works of a permanent character are to be undertaken it is only right that a portion of the cost should be thrown on posterity. At the same time, it would be imprudent to pledge the credit of the colony to any but a very moderate extent, and works not absolutely necessary ought to be deferred until the state of the finances is such as will allow of their cost being met without difficulty. It is important, therefore, to examine the public works in progress and in contemplation. First comes the Tytan waterworks, which are already far advanced. It is imperative that they should be pushed on as rapidly as possible, in the first place because the water is urgently required, and in the second because delay would mean an increased total cost. Next comes the military defences, towards which the Colony is to be called, upon to contribute \$255,000. With regard to these there is a general consensus of opinion that the forts should be completed and the colony placed in a state of security as soon as possible. Like the Hon. F. D. Sandoe, we regret that the Imperial Government have not undertaken to bear a very much larger share of the expense, considering the importance of this colony for Imperial purposes, but, seeing that the decision comes on this point is final, the colony, recognising the necessity of the works, has no choice but to find the amount required. When doing so, however, the Colony has a right task that the work shall be rendered thoroughly effective for the defence of the colony.

the purpose for which they are designed. This they cannot be unless the armament to be provided by the home Government is of a proper description, and the Hon. F. Evans did well to call attention to this point on Wednesday. It is an implied proviso in the agreement that the armament supplied from home should be good in quality and sufficient in quantity. There may be no ground for Mr. Evans's fears, but it is desirable that attention should be drawn to the point. The guns to be provided are eight 9.2-inch breach-loaders, three 10-inch muzzle loaders, eight 7-inch muzzle loaders, and seven 64-pounders. The breach-loaders, we believe, are guns of the newest and most approved pattern, being an improvement on the Vasavas. As to the expediency of the Vasavas some idea may be gathered from the erection recently worked by the French ships, which are armed with guns of this description. It would certainly have been more satisfactory if the guns had all been breach-loaders instead of the majority of them being muzzle-loaders. Another point on

which all the community will most fully agree with M. Evans is that when we have once got a proper scheme of defence the land reserved by the War Department and not used for the fort should be returned to the colony. There can be no further excuse for keeping the land lying idle, and if it were placed on the market the price it would realise would go far to make up the cost of the construction of the fort. The other works on which the colony is actually engaged and which, as Mr. Marsh says in his report, must be completed, are the New Central School, the New Central Market—the land for which has been partly resurveyed and Drainage and Sanitary works in the Chinese part of the city and the villages. All these are necessary works. The New Central School, everyone admits ought to have been built years ago; the present Central Market is simply a disgrace to the colony; and there can be no difference of opinion as to the importance of improving the sanitary state of the Chinese quarter. The amount required for the completion of the works we have enumerated—Tytan Waterworks, Central School, Military Defences, Central Market, and drainage works—is \$1,545,000. Against this the colony will have at the commencement of next year a probable balance of assets of \$657,420, and it is proposed to raise a loan of \$1,000,000. The revenue of the colony can very well carry such a modest loan as this, and as it, together with the credit balance, will more than cover the cost of the works mentioned, our financial position, notwithstanding the temporary depression, must still be considered a very sound one.

But the construction of certain other works has been approved by the Secretary of State, and the question arises whether they should be proceeded with at once or deferred until the revenue is in a more flourishing condition. These works are—The new schools to cost \$25,000; repairs and extensions of police barracks, for some years past reported to be necessary on sanitary grounds, \$135,000; other sanitary works recommended by Mr. Chadwick in connection with the Ropewalks, which we have seen, are any way inconclusive. The strokes will pick them by lottery, so it will be entirely a question of luck what sort of crews are got together. There does not seem any provision made for the appointment of strokes, however. The race will be run from Kelle's Island to the Bathhouse. The Will lengthen the race, and extend it to three days. The new constitution of the Executive Club will be in a position to alter the programme from its advertised form so as to make the race open for the Chinese Cup the first event of the first day, so that all the crews may start equally fresh for that event. There was some feeling expressed that the outside crews from the naval and military officers who have an advantage over the ordinary club crews, that they would come forth into the race, while the club members would have been taking it out of themselves. But we have not, at least as yet, any definite evidence to support the names as they sounded to Englishmen. The French adopt this orthography, and then give the letters of their pronunciation in other words, the transmutation is (1) Chinese as it sounded to an Englishman; (2) that Englishman's Chinese as it sounded to a Frenchman. Little wonder, that there are hopelessly irreconcileable methods of spelling Chinese names of places—Nature.

In the matter of prize rowing is looking up remarkably well this year, as another cup has been presented by the officers of H.M.S. *Audacious*, which is to be termed the "Audacious Cup." This is about \$125 value, and given for a four-oared crew on the Macclesfield Ropewalks, which we have seen, are any way inconclusive. The strokes will pick them by lottery, so it will be entirely a question of luck what sort of crews are got together. There does not seem any provision made for the appointment of strokes, however. The race will be run from Kelle's Island to the Bathhouse. The Will lengthen the race, and extend it to three days. The new constitution of the Executive Club will be in a position to alter the programme from its advertised form so as to make the race open for the Chinese Cup the first event of the first day, so that all the crews may start equally fresh for that event. 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